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For: RUBBER-LIKE ARTICLES AND RUBBER-  
LIKE MATERIAL-CONTAINING ARTICLES

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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2007, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.